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Floydada Soccer League Attracts 127 in Its First Year

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA-Floydada's first youth recreational soccer has been met with overwhelming response in the community, according to co-founder Alicia Gomez.

"We have 127 children from ages five to 12 playing soccer," Gomez said.

They are divided into three divisions:
 5 to 6: Tiny Tots
 7-8-9: Troopers
 10-11-12: Titans

Gomez and co-founder Eli Gutierrez launched sign-ups at the Floydada library in April. The initial sign-up attracted 70 participants, and it just grew from there.

"Really, we started this because my own kids wanted to do something besides t-ball," she said, "and Eli's daughter plays soccer. She

got a scholarship for it, so he has an expertise in the game."

At this point the teams are learning fundamentals and developing their skills and just play games among themselves. They've been approached by a team in Lubbock, and if they continue to learn, they might look at traveling for competition next year.

They have 15 coaches and 15 assistants. The teams practice twice a week, unless they have games.

The cost to join the league is \$35, and their season ends in July.

For more information you can visit the Floydada Soccer League Facebook page, and Gomez said you can message her at their Facebook page, and she'll be glad to answer questions.

"It's very rewarding to have 127 children out being active and having fun," Gomez said.



Photo/Christina Elizabeth Photography

Floydada's first recreational youth soccer league has attracted 127 children for its teams. The league's season ends in July.

Library Makes Reading Fun This Summer



By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

From Hula Dance contests to sidewalk drawings to movie afternoons, the Floyd County Memorial Library has been the place this summer where area kids can discover that reading opens up a whole new world.

On the Monday afternoon of this interview librarian Mary Jane Cisneros was overseeing a Hula Dance contest which provided interactive activities for kids after seeing a Lilo and Stitch movie and reading books about Lilo and Stitch which is set in Hawaii.

"On Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., we have story time," Cisneros said. "We re-

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Courtesy photos

Floydada children will have an opportunity to learn the joys of reading Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 at the library. Volunteers and librarian Mary Jane Cisneros have a special summer in mind for area kids.



Courtesy photo

County Judge Marty Lucke congratulates recent Lockney High School graduate Jace Klein who won 11 state medals in his LHS career. Monday, June 20 will be Jace Klein Day in Floyd County.

Commissioners Hold Hearing on Old Jail Destruction

By Kay Ellington
 The Hesperian-Beacon

At the regular meeting of the Floyd County Commissioners Court held Monday, June 13 commissioners held a public hearing on the de-

struction of the old county jail. There were no public comments.

There was a quorum at the monthly commissioners meeting. Commissioner

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Upcoming

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Please submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to fchb.editor@yahoo.com.

FLOYDADA CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Floydada Chamber will hold their annual City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 18th. The list will be distributed to the community on Friday, June 17th. Please make sure you included the following in your entry: address, main items to be sold, the time you wish to open and close and your \$10 entry fee. Entry deadline

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Floydada City Wide Garage Sale

By Kim Perez
 Floydada Chamber/Manager
 Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

What better way to make a little spending money this summer than to have a garage sale?

List your garage sale with the Floydada Chamber of Commerce for just \$10 and we will advertise it and distribute a list for you!

The city wide garage sale will be held Saturday, June 18th around town, with a list distributed to the community on Friday, June 17th.

Please make sure you included the following in your entry: address, main items to be sold, the time you wish to open and close and your \$10 entry fee.

Call the Chamber at 983-3434 or go by the EDC/Chamber office at 105 S. 5th.

Don't wait, get your garage sale entered by 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 16th to be on the official city wide garage sale listing! So start cleaning out your closets, junk drawers, and storages to get you on your way to making some extra summer fun money.

You may pick up the garage sale list at these business on Friday, June 17th.... Lowe's, Allsup's, Nielson's, or Merm's Liquor store, or it's also available on the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

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Lockney Sales Tax Payments Up, Floydada's Down for June

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Wednesday announced that his office will be sending cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$618 million in local sales tax allocations for June, 1.8 percent less than in June 2015.

Hegar reports that the allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

"Energy-centric cities such as Midland, Odessa and Corpus Christi continued to see decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Meanwhile, other areas of the state helped offset those losses as Austin, El Paso and Irving saw moderate increases in allocations."

Lockney's sales tax payment is up 37.1 percent, rising from \$7,716 last June to \$10,579 this month.

The year-to-date tally is up 18.53 percent, rising from \$55,838 in 2015 to \$66,185.

Floydada's monthly payment dropped from \$34,249 in June 2015 to \$31,375 to a -8.38% decline. For the year-to-date, Floydada's total is down -3.34% from \$224,050 to \$216,549.

The Paperboy

As Americans, one of our favorite pastimes is fighting age.

Being a human is great, especially if we are blessed enough to die gracefully. However, I'd say the vast majority of us will not go peacefully in our sleep. We are more likely to suffer during our final years, months or days.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

I've often joked that "it's not the model, it's the mileage." It's a saying I picked up somewhere in reference to automobiles and their value. As humans, if we've treated ourselves well during the course of our lives, we are more likely to stay healthy longer and have a higher quality of life.

Is that accurate? Scientists say it is for the most part.

We all know of those individuals who beat the odds. For all of the proof you'll ever need, look at The Rolling Stones or Willie Nelson. These gentlemen have never

been regarded as the picture of health. In fact, between Keith Richards and Willie, they probably consumed enough alcohol and drugs to light up a small town. Regardless, they are still around and they are active.

I guess there are anomalies in most studies and Keith and Willie would certainly have to be considered anomalies.

I once heard of a lady well into her hundreds. She drank a glass of wine before she went to bed each night. If memory serves, her doctor told her to do that when she was pregnant because she was having a hard time keeping her weight up. She continued to drink the wine daily ... for over 80 more years!

Life expectancy in the United States is currently 78.74 years. That's not bad. In England, it's now 81.5. Japan's is 83.10. That's amazing to me.

As we age and begin to come to terms with our own mortality, it's hard not to judge oneself. If I'm not careful, I can be a little too hard on myself to the point where it's detrimental. Like you, I have goals and dreams and when you feel like you are underperforming, it is not good psychologically.

To me, by far the worst part of aging is losing people. Seeing those family and friends pass is difficult in our society. If you've had a good life, it's likely you were surrounded by good people who taught you many things. It hurts when those people pass.

Another thing about mortality and your comfort level is whether or not you believe you have a destination after death. Most of the world believes in life after death, but there is a significant number of people who do not. I wonder which group is happier

when they age, those with faith or those without it?

As a guy closer to 50 than 40, I notice things about myself that I'd rather not. But if I had to name a few, it would be stiffening joints, inability to read small print and sun damaged skin on my face and hands.

At the beginning of the year, I wrote about my New Year's Resolution and my goal was to lose 30 pounds. I have not accomplished that goal. I have a couple of friends who made the same resolution, they've been successful. I've lost five pounds. I can sit hear and give you several "reasons" while I've failed, but I'd be fooling you. I've failed because I have not put in the work to be successful.

None of us knows when our day is coming. What we do know is that it is and that it will be here much sooner than we'd probably like.

As for me, I still plan to lose the weight and keep a close eye on myself. I'd sure like to be around a couple of more generations to see how my children and their children turn out.

And hopefully, I'm a little more like Keith and Willie than I am my mom or grandmother, who didn't even make it to 65.

One thing is for sure ... time will tell.

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Weather Whys

Q: There were a lot of cattle hit recently by lightning. How many livestock are killed each year by lightning strikes?

A: A few days ago,

21 cattle were gathered around a metal feeder in a South Dakota farm, and lightning hit the feeder, killing them instantly. No one knows for sure how many livestock are killed yearly because record keeping tends to be very limited in many parts of the country, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. But there is no doubt that hundreds of cattle, horses and sheep are killed every year by lightning in the United States. "The Department of Agriculture says lightning causes about 80 percent of all accidental livestock deaths," McRoberts explains. "What usually happens is that livestock

often huddle together under a large tree during a thunderstorm, which we know is one of the worst places to be. There are numerous cases of ranchers finding two or more cows or horses dead under a tree after a thunderstorm."

Q: How often does lightning hit livestock?

A: At least as often as it strikes people and perhaps more often, McRoberts adds. "Unless there is a barn nearby, livestock are out in the open during thunderstorms, so their chances of being hit are greater," he says. "And the types of injuries are about the same. One study shows

that while about 70 percent of humans struck by lightning still survive, the fatality rate of horses and cattle is much higher. This is because no one is around to treat the injured animal, plus the body mass of the animal is larger than a human, meaning more tissue damage can occur. Often, a rancher will see a dead animal on his property and not see any apparent cause. A necropsy (animal autopsy) often reveals that the animal died from a lightning strike."

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Foster and Cole to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Foster of Lockney are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Senee' Foster, to Asa Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Cole of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carmona, of Hereford.

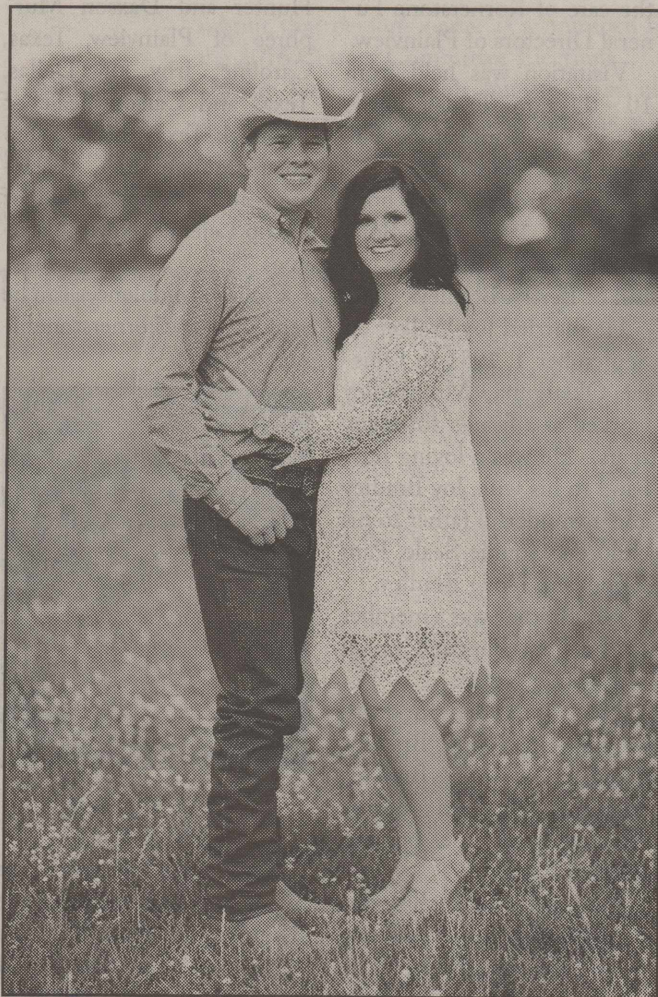
Ms. Foster is the granddaughter of Byron and Charlotte Brock of Lockney and Ann Foster and her late husband, Eddie Foster, of Plainview.

The bride-elect is a 2014 graduate of Amarillo College and received her Associates in Applied Science of Dental Hygiene. Senee' is currently a Registered Dental Hygienist and works for Dr. Brian Herring at West Texas Dental Associates in Plainview, Texas.

Mr. Cole is the grandson of Billy Briscoe and his late wife, Dorothy Briscoe and Helen Cole and her late husband, Joe Billy Cole.

The future bridegroom attended Clarendon College and is a 2009 graduate from the Ranch and Feedlot Operations program.

He also received his welding certificate from Amarillo College in the Fall of 2009. Asa operates his own cattle



SENEE' FOSTER AND ASA COLE

operation, while working for the bride's families farming and ranching operation in Vigo Park.

The couple plan on unit-

ing in marriage on August 6, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. They plan to make their home in Vigo Park.

Greens Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary



Wilton and Betty Green – May 24, 2016

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Betty and Wilton Green celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 24, 2016 in Granbury Texas.

They met in eighth grade, graduated from Floydada High School together in 1954 and were married at the First Baptist Church of Floydada on May 24, 1956.

After Wilton graduated from Texas Tech University, career took them to several communities in Texas, Kansas, Idaho, Kennewick Washington and Nebraska over the years, finally retiring in Pecan Plantation, Granbury Texas.

They have three children, Mark (Susan) Green and Cheryl (Mike) Johnson of Houston and Dee Ann (Tom) Yount of Kennewick, Washington, as well as seven beautiful grandchildren.

Congratulations Mom and Dad on building a beautiful life for yourselves and the ones God has put in your path.



Wilton and Betty Green – May 24, 1956

Courtesy Photos

Museum Donation



Courtesy Photo

Jim Doucette (right) is shown presenting to Ed Marks (left) a donation from the Floyd County Historical Museum for the Veterans Park in Lockney.

Museum Archives

Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

By Glen Hartsell

After my dad had the crops under control in the summer of 1923, he gave me permission to apply for a job at the Montgomery Ranch (also known as the T-M Ranch since that was the irons that they used to brand their cattle with at that time). Since our farm joined the ranch on the corner, I rode one of Dad's horses over there on a Saturday in the last part of July to apply for my first job. After some pretty severe questioning, I was told to report for work on Monday, August 1 at 5:00 A. M.

When I reported for work, I found that our first job was working the calves. Mr. Tom (Mr. Montgomery) was overseeing everyone. Mr. Massey was branding; Dr. Huskey (a horse doctor and horse trader from Floydada) was castrating and doing the ear markings; The Huskey Brothers (Dr. Huskey's sons who were also from Floydada) were roping and dragging the calves; and I was throwing and holding the calves. I was a stout 14-year old, but by the time that day was over I knew I was going to earn my \$30.00 per month. We branded and worked the whole crop of calves (which

weighed from 200 to 550 pounds each), as they only branded once a year.

After the branding was over we got all the cows spread back out and mated up with their calves, work settled down to a slow pace. Mr. Massey and I did most of the riding-checking the water and the fences. Water was not really a problem as the White River ran through the entire length of the ranch. There were two or three sec-

tions on the west side of the canyon and there was a windmill up there. Mr. Massey (who was 76 years old) would be pretty well rode down. After unsaddling and feeding our horses, we would go back to the ranch house. Mr. Montgomery would give me a bucket and send me to hunt guinea nests for the eggs until sundown.

The ranch house had three rooms on the top level with a porch all the way across the

Life on the T-M Ranch

west side and stairs at both ends of the porch. The bottom of the house was dug out of the side of a hill and the complete back wall was dirt and rock. One room was my bedroom and the other part was used for feed storage. My bedroom was a shade hairy

as mice, centipedes, spiders, and one rattlesnake paid me a visit.

The only transportation on the ranch was saddle horses and one wagon with a pair of very lazy old mules. Therefore when Mr. Montgomery (who was 76 years old) want-

ed to go to town, he wrote to someone in town and had them send a car for him and he would meet them at his gate on the road south of the Lakeview Community.

While I worked on the ranch Mr. Tom bought ten

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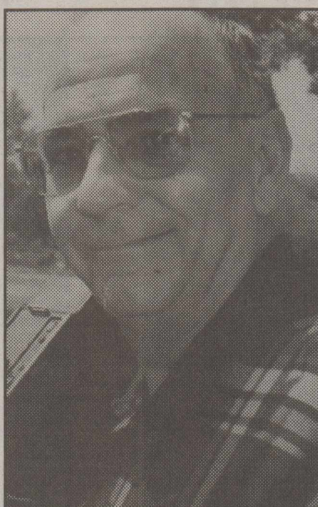
MUSEUM

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Hereford bull yearlings from a ranch at Stamford, Texas and had them sent by rail to Spur, Texas. He got a farmer who was about 45 years old (I think his name was Mr. Pins) to go with me to Spur to drive the bulls home. We started toward Spur early on a Monday morning on fresh horses. We didn't take any lunch with us as there was a country store south of McAdoo on the Crosbyton-Dickens road which we reached by noon. A couple of hours after lunch we were off the caprock and Mr. Pins asked me if I would lead his horse if he flagged down a car and went on to Spur to check on the cattle. I agreed and he flagged down a car and left. That was when my trouble started because his horse wouldn't lead. After struggling with him for a while I decided to change horses and I found that my horse wouldn't lead either, so I fashioned a hackamore out of my lariat and put it on the horse. That was a very long afternoon. I would drag one horse until the one I was riding gave out then I would change horses and drag the other one. I got into Spur just as it was getting dark. I found Mr. Pitts sitting in a rocking chair with his feet propped up on the front porch of the Spur Inn. After stabling our horses in the wagon yard, we date dinner and retired in a bed at the hotel. I was so tired that I tossed and tumbled all night. According to Mr. Pitts, I kept him awake all night. This really didn't bother me much though, as I figured that he was partly the cause of me being so tired. We started home early the next morning and I think it took us three days to make the trip home. I think I had my fifteenth birthday on that trip.

When my month was up, I had to go back home to wind up the farming and get ready for school.

Obituary



KENNETH DEAN ROBERTSON

A Memorial Service for Kenneth Dean Robertson, age 77 of Alvin, Texas (formerly of Floydada) will be held at 6:30 p.m., June 23, 2016 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Kenneth passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at Laurel Court Nursing Facility in Alvin.

Kenneth was born April 29, 1938 in Floydada, Texas to Joe and Alta Robertson. He worked alongside family as they owned and operated a cotton gin in Dougherty, Texas, for many years.

Kenneth was a proud member of the Floydada Masonic Lodge and will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

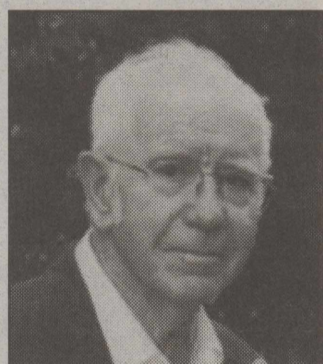
He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Alta Robertson; daughter, Hope Robertson-Wakefield; sister, Glenna Walls; brothers, Joe Robertson Jr., Bob Robertson, Earl Robertson and James Robertson.

Kenneth is survived by his daughter, Holly Wakefield; sons, Haney Robertson and

wife, Kim, and Heath Robertson and wife Kathy; sisters, Pat Goss, Patsy Dunn and Karen Pratt; brothers, Melvin Robertson and Jerry Robertson; grandchildren, Crystal, Cayla, Cori, Kelsey, Kolton, Kaedon, Kevin, Kaitlyn, Kyler and Cody; great-grandchildren, Presley, Hollie, Chelsie, Preston, Kaleb, Travis, Alyssa, Cassie, Scout and Emma; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

The Robertson family would like to thank Laurel Court Nursing Facility and Heart To Heart Hospice for all their dedication, kindness, and support they have given over the years.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Scott Family, 1421 East Hwy 6, Alvin, Texas 77511. www.scottfuneralhome.net



MELVIN JAMES BRADLEY

Melvin James Bradley, 87, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, June 10, 2016 at Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel with Rev. Kyle Brock, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment followed at Plainview Memorial Park under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Visitation was held from 10 - 11 a.m., Friday morning in the Kornerstone Funeral Directors Chapel.

Mr. Bradley was born April 26, 1929 in Colony Community, Oklahoma to Bill & Bertha Bradley.

He married Joy Walker on September 1, 1951 in Olustee, Oklahoma. Mr. Bradley worked as a farmer for many years. He was a loving husband to his wife, Joy Bradley and a wonderful father to his children, Connie Seale, Pam Hood, and Doug Bradley.

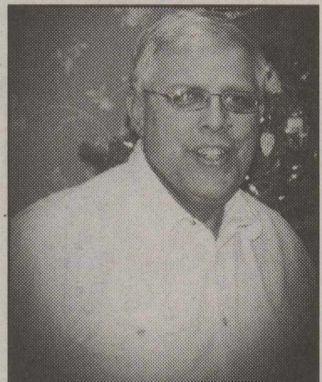
Mr. Bradley was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lockney, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his son, Doug Bradley; daughter, Brenda Bradley; parents, Bill and Bertha Bradley; and one brother, Marten Bradley.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Bradley of Plainview, Texas; two daughters, Connie Seale and husband, Donnie of Amarillo, Texas and Pam Hood and husband, Marty of Plainview, Texas; one brother, Marvin Bradley and wife, Frances of Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Melissa Murphree and husband, David of Plainview, Texas, Heather Irby and husband, Ryan of Dallas, Texas and Brandon Seale and wife, Jenna of Lubbock, Texas; three step-grandchildren, Matt Hood and wife, Sarah of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Nathan Hood of Lubbock, Texas, and Natalie Coffin and husband, Ryan of Lubbock, Texas; and five

great-grandchildren, Gracie, Hunter and Daxson Murphree of Plainview, Texas, Caroline Irby of Dallas, Texas and Carson Seale of Lubbock, Texas and two step great-grandchildren, Cameron and Landon Hood of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Online condolences can be sent at www.kornerstonefunerals.com



JESUS "JESSE" MORALES

Jesus "Jesse" Morales, age 57, of Floydada, passed away Monday, June 6, 2016.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church with Father Ike Temporanza officiating.

Burial followed at the Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada.

Rosary was held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Arrangements are under the care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Jesse was born on August 21, 1958 to Francisco and Florinda (Zambrano) Morales in Odem, Texas.

Jesse was one of the found-

ers of the Floydada Tiger League. He loved the Floydada community. His passion were the children of this community and was involved as a coach and referee for many years. He loved everything about Nascar. He enjoyed traveling and adored his family but loved his Lord Jesus most of all.

Jesse is preceded in death by his parents, Francisco and Florinda Morales, his brother, Jose Luis Barrera and two sisters, Maria Elia Barrera and Francisca Garcia and a niece, Lisa Martinez.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Morales of Floydada; two sons, Joshua "J.J." Morales of Floydada, and Jacob Morales and wife, Allison of McPherson, Kansas; two grandchildren, Aven Michelle Morales of Wake-ney, Kansas and Asher Jenson Morales of McPherson, Kansas; siblings, Francisco Morales, Jr. and wife, Christina of Lubbock, Janie Flores and husband, Julio of San Antonio, Tino Morales and wife, Frances of Amarillo, Rosa Garza and husband, John of Brownfield, Thelma Martinez and husband, Joe of Amarillo, Mary Ann Juarez and husband, Pete of Snyder, Carmen Blanco and husband, Eli of San Antonio, Yolanda Morales and friend, Sonny of San Antonio, Sandra Chavez and husband, Frank of Marble Falls, Amado Morales of Floydada, and Martin Morales and wife, Mary of Floydada. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

A GOOD FOUNDATION

No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. —1 Corinthians 3:11 (NRSV)

I grew up in a small rural village in Gujarat, India. For primary school, my parents sent me to a Christian boarding school. Though I received a good education, the school was not funded properly, and we never had enough to eat. I cannot think of a day during my four years at the school when I did not go to bed hungry.

But when I look back, I have very fond memories of the school. During my years at the school, I came to know the Lord; and my education built a good foundation for the rest of my life.

Because I am so grateful for the seeds of faith that the school gave

me, I have made a commitment to visit the school every year to help the children meet some of their needs. I provide a good meal and a small, practical gift for each child. After the meal, the children greet me and receive their gifts. Each child hugs me and says, "Thank you, Uncle. God bless you." Being able to help the children of the school where the seeds of faith were first planted in me is one of the greatest joys and blessings of my life.

In today's reading, Paul reminded the Corinthian church that seeds of faith can be planted in many ways, but it is "God who gives the growth" (v. 6). When we show compassion and nurture the faith of others, we help to lay the foundation of Christ for future generations.

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<p>Aiken Baptist Church Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship..11 a.m.</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Carr's Chapel Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Church of Christ West College & Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>City Park Church of Christ Matthew Benfield, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m.</p> <p>First Baptist Church Floydada Tim Franks, Pastor Logan Lamb, Min. Students Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>First Baptist Church Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Chad Cook, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p>	<p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Lockney Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m. Wed High School - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Grant Chapel Church of God In Christ Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday - 8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Main Street Church of Christ Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m.</p> <p>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m.</p> <p>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church 310 Mississippi</p>	<p>Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Floydada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m.</p> <p>San Jose Catholic Church Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>South Plains Baptist Church Joe Weldon, Pastor SuNday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m. English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>***** St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Floydada Rev. Ike Temporaza 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. & Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m.</p> <p>***** Templo Bautista Salem Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m.</p> <p>***** Templo Bethel Spanish Assembly of God Washington And 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Wed Service - 7 p.m.</p> <p>***** Templo Nueva Vida Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>***** Trinity Assembly 500 W. Houston Tom Ross, Pastor 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.</p> <p>***** Trinity Lutheran Church Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m.</p> <p>***** West Side Church of Christ Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
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AGRICULTURE

2016 FSA County Committee Elections -- Nominate!

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

This is Farm Service Agency Administrator Val Dolcini with an important message for farmers and ranchers. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on a local FSA County Committee, now is the time to

submit that person's name as a nominee for the 2016 County Committee Elections.

From June 15 through August 1, you can nominate yourself or a candidate for your local FSA county committee. And almost anyone participating or cooperating in FSA programs - and of legal voting age - can be

nominated.

FSA county committees are a vital link between farmers and ranchers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And through the county committee system, farmers and ranchers have a voice and their opinions and ideas are heard. So make a difference by nom-

inating yourself or a fellow farmer.

Download the nomination form from our website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or pick one up at your local office. And remember, forms must be postmarked or delivered back to the county office by the August 1 deadline. Voting takes place this fall.

Wheat, cattle conference July 26

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

WICHITA FALLS - Pricing wheat and cattle at profitable levels has been challenging during 2016, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural economist.

The Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference on July 26 will cover how producers in the North and Rolling Plains regions of Texas and Southwestern Oklahoma can meet these challenges and prepare for 2017, said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist at Vernon.

While it appears the weather has returned to normal and agricultural production has reached more favorable levels, greater production has led to commodity prices below cost of production, Bevers said.

Add to this environment more government directives regarding production, and a producer's stress level rises, he said. One regulation cattle producers will face in 2017 is the implementation of the Veterinary Feed Directive.

In this year's conference, AgriLife Extension and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service experts will cover how producers can continue to remain profitable under these prices and the new regulations, Bevers said.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MPEC Event Center, 1000 5th St., Wichita Falls. Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, a noon meal and refreshments.

Producers are encouraged to preregister

by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator or Allison Ha at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center near Vernon at 940-552-9941, ext. 225 or Allison.ha@ag.tamu.edu.

The slogan of the conference is "Driving your cattle to profits," although Bevers said the last couple of years have made it tough to generate a consistent profit.

"We know agricultural producers are continuing to plant crops and grow cattle," he said. "They must also be aware of new directives on how animal drugs can be utilized. The Veterinary Feed Directive is a federal regulation from the Food and Drug Administration that controls the use of animal drugs."

Dr. Emi Kimura, AgriLife Extension agronomist at Vernon, will provide a wheat variety update, while Bevers will provide a wheat and cattle market update.

Dr. Chris Richards, Oklahoma State Extension and research beef cattle nutrition specialist in Stillwater, Oklahoma, will discuss balancing the scales in cattle production between efficiency, profitability, consumerism and the environment.

After lunch, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, AgriLife Extension program coordinator for livestock and food animal systems, College Station, will provide an overview of the Veterinary Feed Directive. Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist in College Station, will cover how a cattle producer should go about implementing the directive on their operation.

TSCRA Supports Ranchers in Efforts to Control Fever Tick

By J.D. Cage

Chair-TSCRA Fever Tick Subcommittee

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) leaders and staff have heard from many members and ranchers regarding the recent spread of fever ticks in South Texas.

Fever ticks are capable of carrying a microscopic parasite that causes bovine babesiosis, also known as cattle fever. This disease causes acute anemia, fever and an enlarged spleen and liver, often leading to death for cattle. As such, the spread of fever ticks poses a major threat to the entire United States livestock industry and economy.

In the early 1700s, fever ticks were introduced into the U.S. on horses and cattle brought to America by Spanish colonists. The impact was not majorly felt by the livestock industry until the late 1800s when southern cattle driven into northern states caused the death of northern cattle along the route. The same held true when northern cattle driven south died when they reached their destination, coining the term "Texas fever" or "cattle fever."

In 1885 Kansas passed a law that prohibited the movement of Texas origin cattle across its state line due to the spread of Texas cattle fever. This new law paired with restrictive legislation in many other states effectively ended the nostalgic Texas cattle drives of the late 1800s.

In 1893, fever tick outbreaks actually prompted the Texas legislature to form the Livestock Sanitary Commission, now referred to as the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), with the primary mission of eradicating the fever tick. The creation of this Commission speaks to the historical magnitude of the fever tick issue.

For more than 100 years, fever ticks in the U.S. have been the target of a government eradication program. Thanks to a collaborative effort between ranchers, TAHC and United States Department of Agriculture Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS), fever ticks have been contained since 1943 to a thin

strip of land along the Texas/Mexico border, known as the "permanent systematic quarantine zone."

Due to some changes in the ticks' environment in South Texas and existing regulations on ranchers, fever ticks appear to be moving north. In recent years an increase in wildlife population has made life easier for the fever tick and harder for ranchers to fight it under existing TAHC and USDA APHIS regulations.

Under current regulations, ranchers in areas designated as "infested" are required to gather, treat and inspect 100 percent of their livestock, including cattle and equine. Ranchers can either use a medicated dipping treatment every 7-14 days or give a dose of Doramectin every 25-28 days for a minimum of 6-10 months. The only alternative for ranchers is to remove all livestock from their property.

On May 31, TAHC adopted rules approving the use of a new vaccination to be used in conjunction with treatment and inspection requirements to more effectively eradicate ticks and limit future infestations. TSCRA submitted written and oral testimony at a recent TAHC meeting supporting use of the new vaccine and highlighting other concerns with the existing regulations.

TSCRA stated in their comments that the 100 percent gather and treatment requisite is unattainable for many ranchers, therefore making it impossible for ranchers to comply with TAHC and USDA APHIS regulations. Gathering and treating all livestock at this frequent pace makes this option both logistically unfeasible and financially devastating.

Additional issues with loss in cattle production, inability to attain status release benchmarks due to incomplete gathers, livestock husbandry issues and substantial expenses makes this option unworkable for ranchers.

When ranchers realize adhering to the gathering and treatment regulations are impossible, they often have no other choice but to remove all

livestock from their property. TSCRA and virtually all affected ranchers have expressed grave concerns with any regulations that inadvertently cause ranchers to vacate livestock from an infested pasture.

White-tailed deer and nilgai antelope serve as secondary hosts for fever ticks. However, the ticks show a preference for cattle in areas where a mixture of livestock and wildlife exists. Vacating all cattle and other livestock from an infested or adjacent area would only shift the fever ticks to wildlife, which can travel great distances in a short span of time.

Vacating all livestock would cause fever ticks to move more rapidly through an area into previously uninfested cattle pastures. For this reason, it is important that regulatory agencies have a set of practical rules that will not incentivize or leave cattle ranchers with no practical or economical alternative to vacating all livestock from their property. This will result in a more effective program to prevent the spread of fever ticks.

TSCRA suggests regulations include flexibility in the gathering frequency and treatment regimen they require for livestock based on fever tick prevalence of the premises, pasture size, labor availability, livestock temperament, time since last gathered and other unique gathering challenges of the quarantined property.

TSCRA also requested in their comments that TAHC provide ranchers with clarity regarding which regulatory authority is responsible for administering a herd management plan. Ranchers often work and coordinate with both TAHC and USDA APHIS personnel. Producers need to know which government agency is responsible for enforcing compliance and eventually releasing premises from quarantine.

Ranchers and landowners have worked tirelessly with TAHC and USDA APHIS to combat the fever tick, however there are some unique situa-

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PCG Commends USDA for Providing Assistance

LUBBOCK--Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., commended the U.S. Department of Agriculture today (June 6) for creating a Cotton Ginning Cost-Share program that will provide an estimated \$300 million in much-needed assistance to growers across the Cotton Belt.

"We greatly appreciate U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and the USDA for listening to the concerns of cotton producers and coming up with a viable short-term solution that will help us face some of our challenges," PCG President Johnnie Reed, a cotton producer from Kress, said.

This one-time payment will be available upon signup, which will begin June 20 and run through August 5. Producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency office. According to a USDA news release, payments are expected to begin in July.

Qualifying payments will be determined by a producer's 2015 cotton acres reported to FSA, multiplied by 40 percent of the average ginning cost for each production region. Payments to Texas producers will be \$36.97 per acre. The program has the same eligibility requirements as were used for the 2014 Cotton Transition Assistance Program, including a \$40,000 per producer payment limit, requirement to be actively engaged in farming, meet conservation compliance and a \$900,000 adjusted gross income limit.

"We had hoped for some

flexibility in the payment limit, but we are grateful for the assistance, because our producers certainly need it," Reed said. "We recognize that this is a program for the near term, and we remain committed to working with Congress and others in trying to establish cottonseed as an 'other oilseed' under Title I of the

2014 Farm Bill, which would provide long-term stability for our industry."

For more information: Contact: Mary Jane Buerkle, Director of Communications and Public Affairs (806) 792-4904; maryjane@plainscotton.org <<mailto:maryjane@plainscotton.org>>

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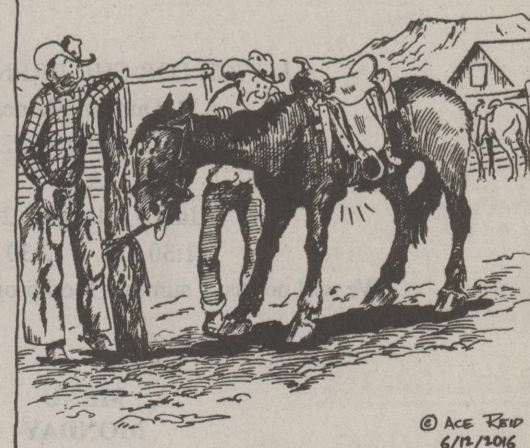
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Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Floydada Senior Citizens
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

FLOYDADA – The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be having a fund raiser on Sunday, June 26th. It will be a sack lunch type event. We are brown bagging hamburgers with chips, drink and Ice cream. We are asking for donations with minimum donation of \$5.

Former Floydada residents, Myrtle Finley and daughter, Dr. Willa Finley, now of Lubbock, helped at the Old Settler's Wildflower Show and Bonnet and Quilt display. They ate lunch at the museum with fellow City Park Church of Christ friends, Joyce Williams, who was overseeing at the Old Adobe, T-Bar Ranch Bunkhouse. After lunch, Jim Cross of Matador sat with Joyce at the porch, on antique cane bottom chairs that had been recovered in raw hide from cattle skins.

Friends who had leased grazing land from the Matador Ranch where Jim had worked as Manager included Nancy Marble and her late husband, Don Marble, stopped to chat with Jim. Jill and Martin Warren also stopped and recalled when they had leased grazing land from the Matador Ranch.

At parade time, Joyce and Jim moved to the Museum from porch to watch children make rope on the rope maker and also watched Joyce's great-grandsons, Reese and Cooper Hinsley ride horses in the parade. The weather was beautiful and mild.

Cold, rainy weather blew in Sunday evening after the Old Settler's Reunion.

On Tuesday, the Center was open for se-

niors and served delicious beef stew and cornbread, along with a salad bar of iced vegetables and fruits.

From the Center, Nancy Brown Bishop Lawson was chosen Pioneer Woman of the 2016 Old Settler's Reunion.

Faye Bertrand did not participate in Old Settler's events and said she was afraid she could not find a parking place.

Sheryl and Zaybree Back enjoyed Old Settler's Day and the dance and the band was wonderful.

Sandra Lundgren of San Marcos, California visited her father, Keith Stansell during Old Settler's and afterward.

Floydada Senior Citizen's Center is open to people of all ages. You do not need to be a senior citizen, nor a member to eat with us. However, if you are a member, your meal is \$5.00 instead of non-member price of \$6.00. To become a member, all you need do is pay a \$25.00 yearly membership fee.

We serve a delicious meal with salad bar at 12 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

MENU

June 20 – June 24

Monday – Meat loaf

Tuesday – Nachos supreme

Wednesday – BBQ weiners

Thursday – Salisbury steak

Friday – Chicken and dressing

(Menus subject to change without notice)

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Renee Armstrong
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Be sure and call the Center by 9:30 a.m. if you would like to eat. Our phone number is 652-2745.

Remember Exercise with Dorothy - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Coffee time - Monday- Saturday - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Thursday night pot luck- Everyone meets at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner at 6 p.m. and the games afterwards.

Remember Family Night Fish Fry is every Friday night, 5-8 p.m. and the cost is \$12 a plate...all you can eat!!! Let us do the dishes.

MENU

June 20 – June 24
Monday – BBQ chicken
Tuesday – Taco salad
Wednesday – Meatloaf
Thursday – Salmon
Friday – Ham

(Menus subject to change without notice)

FISD School Board Approves Resignations

By Kay Ellington
The Hesperian-Beacon

At the June 2 regular monthly meeting of the Floydada Independent School District board, trustees tabled discussion of facility planning with Parkhill, Cooper, and Smith. Last month representatives from the Lubbock architectural firm were on hand to discuss options for FISD facilities. But continuation of that topic was tabled for another meeting.

Board members present were Lyle Miller, Roger Hughes, Kay Brotherton, William Dean, and Beverly Collins. Gracie Diaz was absent. There was a quorum present.

Eric Smith made the motion to approve the following items of consent. Roger Hughes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Approve the Minutes from the May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting

Approve the July Board Meeting for July 19, 2016 @7 p.m.

Review Payment of the May 2016 Bills

Accept resignations: Laci Fields, Kristie Rehkopf

Approve Employment of Personnel: Chelsea Bass

Approve the Policy DNA (LOCAL): Performance Appraisal – Evaluation of Teachers.

Approve the policy DNB (LOCAL): Performance

Appraisal-Evaluation of other professional employees.

Business manager, Alicia Bice, presented the cash flow statement.

Roger Hughes made the motion to select Kay Brotherton as the official Voting TASB Delegate and Gracie Diaz as alternate delegate to represent the district's interests during the 2016 TASB Delegate Assembly on September 23-25, 2016. William Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The board held a discussion of the preliminary budget for 2016-2017.

There were no future items for discussion.

LISD Board Retirees



Charles Keaton/Hesperian-Beacon

Current Lockney School Board members and Administrative staff recently honored retiring Board members Lonny Hooten (left) and Robby Long (center) with a dinner. Superintendent Phil Cotham presented each with a plaque honoring their 12 years of service to the District.

Lockney School Board accepts resignations

By Charles Keaton
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY – Lockney School Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 9.

The Board accepted the resignations of Tracy Long and Denise Cochran. Long is retiring and Cochran is relocating with her new husband.

The Board also approved the hiring of Lana Kidd as a teacher at Elementary.

In other action, the Board approved an amendment to the budget and a 30-day extension for Cummings, Westlake LLC to file the Chapter 313 Annual Eligibility Report and the Chapter 313 Biennial Report on behalf of South Plains Water. The Board also

approved the minutes from the May meeting and approved the payment of bills and the financial report of \$1,781,147.10.

The Board took no action on a policy update regarding the new teacher appraisal system. The 2016-2017 Lockney ISD Board Goals were not acted on to give members a chance to adjust or change any of the goals.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported through May, 99.96 percent of the tax budget had been collected. Cotham also discussed the current bullying policy and the Texas Supreme Court ruling and its effect on school funding.

The Board will meet in their regular July meeting on July 14 at 8:00 P.M. in the Board Room.

FLOYDADA ISD SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Floydada ISD is participating in the Summer Food Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1-18 without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

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June 1 – June 30, 2016

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July 5 – July 21, 2016

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We will not have summer food program on Fridays.

MENU

MONDAY

Beef Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY

Pizza, Salad, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Milk

WEDNESDAY

Crispy Tacos, Pinto Beans, Rice, Salsa, Fruit, Milk

THURSDAY

Homemade Beef/Bean Burritos, Salsa, Baked Beans, Cucumber & Tomato Cup
Fruit, Milk

FRIDAY

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OBITS
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A special thank you to Maria Perales and Jesus Varela of Lockney.



OLEVIA "GENE" MCDANIEL

Olevia "Gene" McDaniel, a long-time resident of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, passed away Sunday, June 5, 2016, after a brief illness.

Born in 1939 in Seagraves, Texas, Gene attended Amherst High School in Amherst, Texas, where she met and married her high school sweetheart, Lewis McDaniel.

Gene had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed working at various jobs wherever she landed, as well as traveling to new places. Gene took great joy in good food, socializing with her friends and spending time with her family. She had a beautiful smile and infectious laugh that could light up a room.

She was an active member of the community and volunteered for Potter's Clay Ministries and Jackson House of Hot Springs.

Gene is survived by her husband, Lewis McDaniel; son, Mace McDaniel of Mason, Texas; daughter, Amanda McDaniel of Arlington, Virginia; sister, Terri Moss of Midland, Texas; sister Gayle Barber of Amarillo, Texas and brother, Dan Treadwell of Granbury, Texas.

Gene is preceded in death by her son, Cass McDaniel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Potter's Clay Ministries or Jackson House.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 10, 2016 at the Village United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

Guests may register at www.caruth-hale.com.

TICKS
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tions making it even more difficult to manage the most recent outbreak. The Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, controlled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), consists of 223,000 acres of protected natural habitat in Cameron and Willacy Counties.

Fever tick infestation rates on nilgai and other wildlife on parts of the refuge are very high however FWS has yet to take aggressive action to control the infestation on the refuge. The lack of action from FWS has increased the likelihood of further infestations and is causing neighboring ranches to struggle in their efforts to keep fever ticks off their livestock.

Additionally, after more than two decades of using Ivermectin treated corn to control fever ticks in the white tail deer population, FWS has recently suspended its further use not only on the refuge, but also on other

private property in the immediate area. TSCRA believes this suspension and the current state of inaction are unacceptable given the seriousness of the issue and the real and urgent danger of spread of fever ticks throughout South Texas.

TSCRA firmly believes FWS needs to create and follow through with a plan to combat the spread of the fever tick from the refuge to bordering properties. That plan must include immediate steps to eliminate the source of fever ticks in wildlife populations on the refuge. The lack of a short and long term plan of action, coupled with onerous federal regulations, has only made the situation more perilous for the South Texas cattle industry.

In order to address the concerns raised in TSCRA's comments, the TAHC approved of the creation of a new working group including affected ranchers. TSCRA looks forward to participating in this working group and will keep TSCRA members updated on key developments regarding fever tick issues.

Lastly, TSCRA greatly appreciates the many ranchers who have devoted a great amount of time and personal resources toward treating and inspecting their livestock to control the fever tick. TSCRA knows cattlemen and women want to control the fever tick more than anyone. TSCRA will always support their efforts and keep the fever tick issue a top priority.

J.D. Cage II of Muleshoe, Texas, operates the Cage Ranch in Earth, Texas, and partners with his son, Jay, on their family ranch in Eagle Pass. J.D. currently serves as the TSCRA Fever Tick Subcommittee chairman and he was elected to the TSCRA board of directors in 1984.



Only at Lubbock Speedway does family come in 3rd??

By Daniel Shank
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

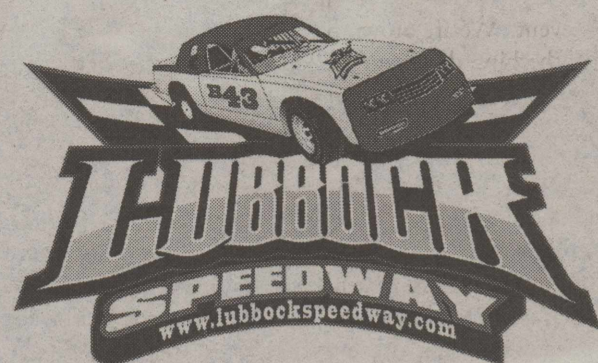
Whoever says Lubbock Speedway is not family friendly does not know anything about racing at all. In the IMCA Modified division which is sponsored by a new sponsor GND Bodyworks of Lubbock, saw Father Vince and son Kade Ogle racing each other hard in the modified main event only to finish 3rd and 4th place behind Austin Junod who put the #44 in the Harley Davison winner circle. This father and son affair has put their house in a real battle zone but the war only has just started this season, since Kade moved up from the hobby stock division. In only his 3rd season he got in himself a modified with the help of Bill & Carolyn Botts. They sponsored the young sophomore from Cooper High School. Dad is a 26 year vet in the motor sports world, who is passing on some much needed words of wisdom stating to the young man, "Be careful, be smart, and save the car." "Also live to fight (race) another day, instead of putting yourself in a bad position" These words are understood since Kade also loves to play golf. This was Kade's first top 5 finish of the season. While his dad could only see the back of his bumper of his son as they crossed the finish line. Kade is also leading his dad in the point's race by 4 points for 3rd place. Mom, Heather Ogle works as a score keeper at Abilene Speedway. This makes racing a real family affair for this family.

The Street Stock class showed us many battles within their 20 lap feature with last week's winner Steven Smallwood car #29 going out to an early lead but, left the track having car troubles about half way through the main event, this opened the door for the eventual winner car #21 Jason Lester. He and #7 Donnie Applegate showed each other some racing love by banging on

each other for several laps. This allowed the #123 of Erreck Rodgers to steal second. Last season's track champion Lee Riley in the 16L car to gain her first top three finish by grabbing a 3rd place finish when Donnie took a spin in turn 3 on lap 17, but he would manage to still pull out a 5th place finish.

IMCA I-Stocks stole the show, Brandon Hopper in the #58 car lead every lap till the White flag was thrown. Hooper stated after the best race of the year (in my opinion) on the 3/8th dirt oval, "I know, I might have had the lead the whole race but, the last 5 laps were the best laps I have ran all year. I have mad respect for racing 3 wide for the finish. I know I didn't win but, I felt like I did." The 3 wide racing was provided by Hopper #58, Cary White #64, and Michael Sheen #195. Who showed just enough respect to each other to make a wild last 2 laps, racing door panel to door panel through turns 1 and 2. They then leaned a little harder on each other on the front and back stretch. As these guys continued to take the battle into turns 3 and 4 for the final time with the checkered flag in sight. The crowd came alive by standing up to cheering, yelling, and clapping for them on to the finish line. Respect is the right word for this photo finish; each driver took pride in NOT dumping each other. After the dust cleared the #64 of Cary White brought home his second victory in a row. Followed by M. Sheen then B. Hopper.

The Sport Mods were the feature event this night, they did not disappoint many. After only getting one lap completed we started the fun. The car #25 drove by Scott Taylor got spun around coming out of turn 2, which caused many of the car in the back of the pack tried to avoid the stalled car but, the #511 drove by Cory Williams of Slaton was not so lucky ending up on his roof to bring out a red flag.



Cory said "I cleared the spun car and someone drove out of the infield and smashed right into my driver's side sending me to the right, where I hit the outer berm and my rear tire came off the rim over I went." Track recue staff was on the scene very quickly, even members of other crews rushed out to assist Williams who was buckled in safely. Shrona Williams the #511 sponsor and Cory's mother was not happy camper stating after the race, "These guys need to learn that you can't win a race on the very first lap". This accident took out 6 cars of the 17 cars that started the main event and saw many cars go to the hot pits to make minor repairs and change tires. Several drivers were DQ for pitting illegally by going into the pits during a red flag instead of using the hot pit set up in turn 3, to include last week's winner the #4G drove by Kenneth Graves and #15 Ryan Robinson. New Track Promoter TK Thompson spoke with me after the races, "The hot pit is designed to keep people safe in the pits from speeding cars and allows the track officials to ensure what work is happening to the cars." Shortly after talking to TK, I caught up with Ryan and he stated, "I knew better to go into the pits but I thought I was going to put the car on the trailer, due to a vibration on the front end of my car, when the people around my trailer pulled off all the sheet metal on my passenger side and told me to go everything else looks good." He returned to the track only

to find out he was DQ. After all the chaos of a red flag, "I am disappointed but it is the right call." The race continued on to see #10 Dustin Robinson of Post runs away with yet another victory at Lubbock Speedway. The win also allowed him to take control of the season point's race, breaking a 3 way tie with Walley Reeves #1 who was part of the early wreck, and Cory Williams in the #511 car that did not finish the event also but did get his car started before leaving the track that night.

In the aftermath of a good night of racing TK Thompson also added, "That the speedway has nothing to hide; I made the call to DQ the drivers with the help of other staff members that saw the cars going off the track and return". "By not hiding the facts people will respect my decision." He added to me, "The speedways main goal is to provide a safe environment and a fair playing field for all that attend and race."

Friday June 17th at 8pm Lubbock Speedway will be running The Weekly Racing Series. **Remember folks the Firecracker Shootout is scheduled for June 24th.** We will be having a West Texas fireworks show after all main events. We will also be running the IMCA Modified and the Outlaw Legends along with all five regular classes. So come out and see what all the excitement is all about.

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Floydada Police Report

By Jesse Finley
Public Information Officer

Esmeralda Ybarra was arrested for assault on May 30 after a domestic dispute. Police were in the middle of an investigation when Esmeralda began hitting the victim with a belt several times in view of the officer.

A seventeen year old juvenile was arrested on June 2 for possession of marijuana after police stopped him for a traffic violation. Due to the age of the offender, no further details will be released.

Police arrested Aron Martinez for a local warrant on June 4. The warrant was related to a criminal trespass violation back in May.

Jerry Delgado was arrested for a Floyd County Warrant on June 5. He was wanted for failing to appear for county court.

Police were called to a disturbance in the 200 block of West Houston Street on June 11. Crista Jesus Cruz was in-

involved in the incident and was also wanted for a local Criminal Trespass Warrant. He had fled the scene but police found him a block away and arrested him. Crista was found to be in possession of marijuana during the arrest and gained an additional charge.

Police are still investigating the theft of wheels off of new pickup trucks at Reagor Dykes Chevrolet. It is believed the incident is related to several thefts in Lubbock and police are working with the South Plains Auto Theft Task Force.

Police were called to the 500 block of North Second on June 2 in reference to several windows to vehicles being damaged. It is unknown when exactly the windows were damaged and they appeared to have been broken out with an air rifle.

The burglary at Dairy Queen is still under investigation and police are pursuing several leads. A \$2000.00 reward is being offered for information related to the case.

A gas can was reported stolen on June 6. The victim stated it was probably stolen sometime during the night of June 5. No suspects have been identified.

Police were called to a theft in the 700 block of West Ross Street on June 7. It happened sometime between 1:00 pm and 8:50 pm that day. A patio table and four chairs were stolen along with three folding ladders.

A car window was reported damaged on June 8 in the 600 block of East California. A suspect has been identified and charges are pending.

Police were called to the Emergency Room in Lockney, Texas after a toddler suffered a dog bite. The dog in question was put into the State mandated quarantine.

Police were called to an accident on June 8 in the 400 block of West Missouri Street. A set

of wheels had detached from a tractor trailer and hit a parked car. Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty. Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries.

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To: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF RUTH RENDON A/K/A LOLLA RUTH RENDON, DECEASED

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 110th Judicial District Court of Floyd County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Floydada, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, the 13 day of June, 2016, being the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby required then and there to appear and file written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition, filed in said Court on the 4th day of February, 2016, in suit numbered 10720, on the docket of said court, wherein Selene Finance, LP, Plaintiff, sued Ruth Rendon a/k/a Lolla Ruth Rendon and Pat Rendon and the Heirs at Law of Ruth Rendon a/k/a Lolla Ruth Rendon, Deceased, Defendants.

The Petition seeks an order to foreclose the lien on the property and assert a claim to the property located at 701 West Locust Street, Lockney, Texas 79241, and legally described as: ALL OF LOT NUMBERS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), AND THE NORTH ONE-HALF (N/2) OF LOT NUMBER THREE (3), IN BLOCK NUMBER THREE (3), BYARS ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF LOCKNEY, FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP, PLAT AND/OR DEDICATION DEED THEREOF, RECORDED AT VOLUME 21, PAGE 639, DEED RECORDS OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS.

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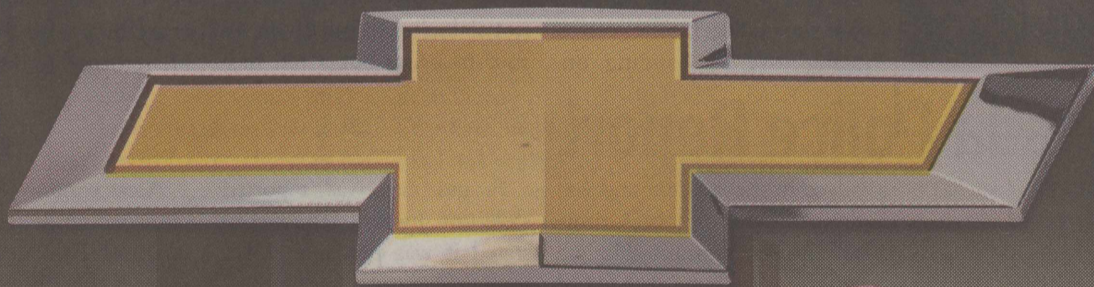


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NO. 6029

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CLARA T. HARBIN

Administration of the Estate of CLARA T. HARBIN, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of Letters Testamentary to BILLY C. HARBIN on May 4, 2016, by the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause Number 6029.

Persons having claims against the Estate must present them to Billy C. Harbin, 1232 S. Ralls Highway, Floydada, Texas 79235, within the time prescribed by law.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2016.

Betty H. Little
Betty H. Little,
Attorney for the Independent Executor

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105 South Main Street - Room 105
Floydada, TX 79235
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Submit all sealed bids to the above address. Bids must be submitted before 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 30, 2016. No bids will be accepted after the deadline.
Floyd County, Texas reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROBERT JACK ROSS

Administration of the Estate of Robert Jack Ross, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to Glenna Jean Ross, on the 6th day of June, 2016, in the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 6038 styled the Estate of Robert Jack Ross, Deceased in which court the case is pending.

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them within the time prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is:

Lex S. Herrington
Attorney at Law
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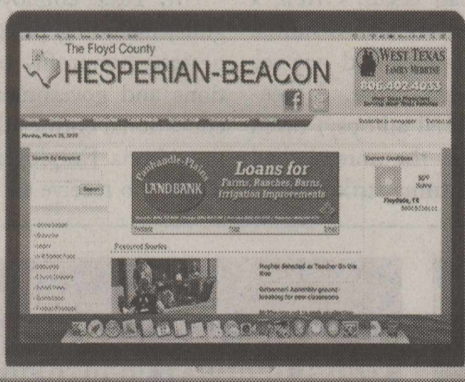
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MOLLY STRINGER'S BOOKS

Molly Stringer has two of her books titled "There you have it" and "That's the way it is" that are available for purchase at Payne's Pharmacy in Floydada. She will have a new book coming out next month titled, "That's how it seems". She currently writing her fourth book, "That's what I'm talking about".

FLOYDADA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Floydada Senior Citizens Center will be having a fund raiser on Sunday, June 26th. It will be a sack lunch type event. We are brown bagging hamburgers with chips, drink and ice cream. We are asking for donations with minimum donation of \$5.

FLOYD COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

If you would like to have a name added to the Floyd County Veteran's Memorial please go by the Floyd County Historical Museum and pick up an application.

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Mike Anderson was not at the meeting.

According to County Judge Marty Lucke after running a notice for bids in three area newspapers—including the Hesperian-Beacon—the county has had calls and potential bidders looking at the building demolition.

In other court action the commissioners recognized recent Lockney High School graduate Jace Klein with the following resolution:

At the regular meeting of the Floyd County Commissioners Court held

at the Floyd County Courthouse in Floydada, Texas at which a quorum was present, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas: Jace Klein competed on the Lockney High School UIL Science Team,

and Whereas: Jace Klein in 2013 competed as a freshman and the team advanced to State for the first time in history and placed 5th; and

Whereas: Jace Klein competed as a sophomore and upon the team advancing to State, finished 1st Overall Individual, Top Biology Score, and the team placing 2nd; and

Whereas: Jace Klein competed as a Junior and upon the team advancing to State, finished 1st Overall Individual, Top Biology Score, tied for Top Chemistry Score and the team placing 2nd; and

Whereas: Jace Klein competed as a Senior and upon the team advancing to State, finished 1st Overall Individual; Top Biology Score, Alternate Top Chemistry Score and the team winning the first UIL Science Team State Championship for Lockney High School; and

Whereas: Jace Klein garnered a total of 11 State Medals during the State Competitions:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Commissioners Court of Floyd County, Texas through adoption of this resolution declares that Monday, June 20, 2016 be declared JACE KLEIN DAY in Floyd County, Texas.

In other court action, the court voted 4-0 to consider making DFB Insurance Group the Agent of Record for County Health insurance.

In other courthouse news the internet service has been upgraded in the Annex Building due to voting machines being dependent upon internet access.

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ally want to make it fun for kids to read. Last week, we read Pete the Cat, and then went outside and did chalk drawings to illustrate what the kids learned. We even give prizes."

She continued, "At this point, we're hoping to continue the summer reading program all the way into July."

Cisneros has a special activity lined up for around June 22. "It's our Heroes Day," she said. "Kids can come dressed up as their favorite super hero, and I hope to have a fireman, a policeman, and an EMT come visit with us. So, I can explain to the kids why they are real heroes."

It seems like quite a challenge to introduce kids to a world of reading. "I couldn't do it without my amazing volunteers," Cisneros said. "They really help a lot."

Weather Whys

Q: There were a lot of cattle hit recently by lightning. How many livestock are killed each year by lightning strikes?

A: A few days ago, 21 cattle were gathered around a metal feeder in a South Dakota farm, and lightning hit the feeder, killing them instantly. No one knows for sure how many livestock are killed yearly because record keeping tends to be very limited in many parts of the country, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. But there is no doubt that hundreds of cattle, horses and sheep are killed every year by lightning in the United States. "The Department of Agriculture says lightning causes about 80 percent of all accidental livestock deaths," McRoberts explains. "What usually happens is that livestock often huddle together under a large tree during a thunderstorm, which we know is one of the worst places to be. There are numerous cases of ranchers finding two or more cows or horses dead under a tree after a thunderstorm."

Q: How often does lightning hit livestock?

A: At least as often as it strikes people and perhaps more often, McRoberts adds. "Unless there is a barn nearby, livestock are out in the open during thunderstorms, so their chances of being hit are greater," he says. "And the types of injuries are about the same. One study shows that while about 70 percent of humans struck by lightning still survive, the fatality rate of horses and cattle is much higher."

This is because no one is around to treat the injured animal, plus the body mass of the animal is larger than a human, meaning more tissue damage can occur. Often, a rancher will see a dead animal on his property and not see any apparent cause. A necropsy (animal autopsy) often reveals that the animal died from a lightning strike."

Victims of Drunk Driving Lend their Faces and Voices

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

AUSTIN – A prisoner in his own body. This is how Sean Carter describes his life following his fateful decision 11 years ago to get into a vehicle driven by a drunk driver. When the driver slammed into a tree, then-22-year-old Sean was left severely injured and unable to walk or talk.

"Don't drink and drive," Sean said, via the aid of an iPad. "And please, don't make my mistake of riding with someone who has been drinking. If I knew then that my decision would affect the rest of my life, you can bet I would not have gotten in that car."

Today, Sean continues his life's mission of warning others about the consequences of drinking and driving by sharing his story through the Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign. The campaign is intended to save lives and decrease alcohol-related crashes all year long, but with a particular emphasis during holidays such as the upcoming Fourth of July weekend. During the 2015 Fourth of July weekend, there were 355 alcohol-related crashes in Texas, resulting in 19 fatalities and 32 serious injuries.

"Drinking and driving is stupid!" said Texas Transportation Commissioner Jeff Moseley. "The concept is simple: Save your own life

and the lives of others by planning for a sober ride."

The "Plan While You Can" campaign – which coincides with an increase in drunk driving enforcement along with local no-refusal efforts – includes a multi-city tour that stops at shopping malls in Austin, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock and Waco. Shoppers are invited to test their driving skills during a two-minute interactive game that simulates sober-to-impaired driving conditions, including difficulty in steering, delayed reactions and blurred vision. In addition, two large video monitors will allow mall shoppers to watch 30-second videos from the Faces of Drunk Driving website featuring Sean's story as well as other stories from drunk driving crash victims in Texas.

Drivers under the influence of alcohol can face up to \$17,000 in fines and legal fees, the loss of a job and other costs. As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spending the night.

South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LUBBOCK—South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging is hosting their 3rd Annual Family Caregiver Conference on Thursday, August 11th from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Science Spectrum Exhibit Hall located at 2579 S. Loop 289 Lubbock, TX.

The conference is a free event reaching out to family caregivers who are caring for their loved one, but is open to the public as well. We will have two keynote speakers to start off the morning then break for lunch and continue the afternoon in break-out sessions, several agencies showcasing their services and ending the day with door

prize giveaways. There will also be an opportunity for exhibitor space, contact Lisa Gonzales at 806-687-0940 or lgonzales@spag.org for more information. Must RSVP for the conference; contact Linda Rautis at 806-762-8721 or 806-687-0940. DEADLINE is JULY 29TH AT 4 P.M.

Nominations accepted for employers who aid education

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AUSTIN – The State Board of Education (SBOE) is currently accepting applications for the 2016 Employers for Education Excellence (EEE) Award. The annual award recognizes Texas employers who encourage and support employee participation in school activities.

Any Texas employer is eligible, including private businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental and educational entities that meet the criteria. Employers will be eligible to receive an award at

one of three levels: Bronze, Silver, or Gold. Eligibility is based on the business or organization meeting the following criteria:

Bronze – An employer that implements a policy to encourage and support employees who attend parent-teacher conferences.

Silver – An employer that meets the requirements of bronze, and implements a policy to encourage and support employees who volunteer in school activities.

Gold – An employer that meets the requirements of silver, and implements a policy to encourage and support employees who participate in student mentoring programs in schools.

The EEE program requires a business to submit an application to the Texas Education Agency. The application form is available online; it can be downloaded and mailed to the address on the application form, or filled out and submitted via email.

Once the application is received, the Commissioner of Education's designee will review the applications and make recommendations to the SBOE regarding businesses or organizations that should receive an award, as well as the level of recognition. The SBOE may approve or modify those recommendations.

The SBOE will honor the recipient(s) with an award that includes the level of recognition. The EEE awards will be valid for three years. At the end of three years, an entity may reapply for the same level of recognition or for a higher level if it meets the criteria.

The complete EEE application must be emailed or postmarked by July 1 to: Texas Education Agency, Communications Division, Employers for Education Excellence Award, 1701 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701. It can be emailed to deetta.culbertson@tea.texas.gov.



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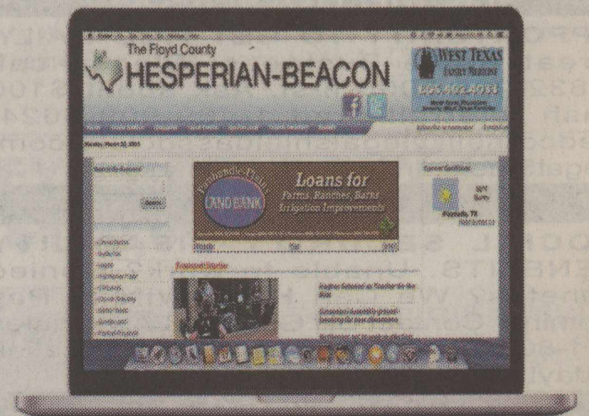
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